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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH INDIA ON US-SOVIET INDIA OCEAN TALKS

REF: STATE 302525

1. POL COUNSELOR BRIEFED MEA JOINT SECRETARY (AMERICAS) ASRANI DECEMBER 22 ON LATEST ROUND OF US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS, DRAWING ON MATERIAL PROVIDED REFTEL. MEETING TOOK PLACE BEFORE REPORT OF INDIAN EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY'S CALL AT DEPARTMENT (STATE 304281) WAS RECEIVED HERE. AFTER LISTENING TO BRIEFING, IN WHICH POL COUNSELOR ALSO WENT OVER SOME OF THE GROUND DIRECTOR GELB HAD WITH AMBASSADOR PALKIVALA AND OTHERS LAST MONTH, ASRANI, LIKE FIRST SECRETARY, ALSO MENTIONED NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE. POL COUNSELOR NOTED SOME OF THE OINTS REPORTED IN MOSCOW MESSAGE ON TASS REPORT (MOSCOW 18345) AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENT ASRANI TEXT OF SPOKESMAN CARTER'S COMMENTS AT DECEMBER 22 BRIEFING CARRIED IN TODAY'S WIRELESS FILE.

2. ASRANI WAS PLEASED TO GET BREIFING, WHICH HE SAID

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WOULD HELP HIM IN PREPARATION OF BACKUP MATERIAL FOR FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT HERE. ASKED IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS, HE SAID THAT HE HAD TRIED TO GET A POSITION ON THE SUBJECT FROM HIGHER LEVELS AT MEA BUT HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH WORD FROM ON HIGH, GOI POSITION AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE CONTINUED TO BE THAT INDIANS WELCOMED TALKS, WOULD BE PLEASED WITH WHATEVER

PROGRESS THEY MADE, AND HOPED THAT THIS PROGRESS WOULD  
EVENTUALLY PAVE THE WAY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE US  
OF THE GOAL SET OUT IN THE IOZP RESOLUTION. HE NOTED  
THAT AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, FOREIGN MINISTER  
VAJPAYEE HAD BEEN HARRIED BY MPS WHO DEMANDED THAT HE TAKE  
UP THE DIEGO GARCIA ISSUE WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER COMES  
TO INDIA. ACCORDING TO ASRANI, THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
REPLIED TO THIS BY REITERATING THAT THE GOI WOULD BE  
DISCUSSING THE INDIAN OCEAN QUESTION WITH THE PRESIDENT  
BUT DECLINED TO GIVE ANY MORE PRECISE UNDERTAKING.  
(SEE NEW DELHI 18060, PARA 3).

3. ASRANI SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE, SOVS HAD NOT  
BRIEFED GOI ON BERN ROUND.  
GOHEEN

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